

Welcome to Great Oaks



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Generation to Generation

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Our 2021 Theme

“When Your Children Ask” Scriptures



Exodus 12:24-27

²⁴ And you shall observe this event as an ordinance for you and your children forever.

²⁵ When you enter the land which the LORD will give you, as He has promised, you shall observe this rite.

Exodus 12:24-27

²⁶ And when your children say to you,
‘What does this rite mean to you?’

²⁷ you shall say, ‘It is a Passover
sacrifice to the LORD who passed over
the houses of the sons of Israel in
Egypt when He smote the Egyptians,
but spared our homes.’” And the
people bowed low and worshiped.

Joshua 4:4-7

⁴ So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the sons of Israel, one man from each tribe; ⁵ and Joshua said to them, “Cross again to the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel.

Joshua 4:4-7

⁶ Let this be a sign among you, so that when your children ask later, saying, ‘What do these stones mean to you?’

Joshua 4:4-7

⁷ then you shall say to them, ‘Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.’ So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever.”

Why the Church of Christ?



1) We have the goal of being
“Christians only.”

Why the Church of Christ?



➤ God did not want division
in His church.

Matthew 16:18

¹⁸ I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

John 17:20-21

²⁰ “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

²¹ that they may all be one; even as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Why the Church of Christ?



- God did not want His followers claiming human names on their faith.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13

¹⁰ Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13

¹¹ For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's *people*, that there are quarrels among you.

¹² Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ."

1 Corinthians 1:10-13

¹³ Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

Romans 16:16

¹⁶ ... All the churches of Christ greet you.

Matthew 16:18

¹⁸ I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Why the Church of Christ?



2) We have the goal of following
Scripture only.

2 Timothy 3:16

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

Why the Church of Christ?



- God did not want His followers to listen to human ideas above Scripture.

Mark 7:7-9

⁷ ‘BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME,
TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF
MEN.’

⁸ Neglecting the commandment of
God, you hold to the tradition of men.”

Mark 7:7-9

⁹ He was also saying to them,
“You are experts at setting aside
the commandment of God
in order to keep your tradition.”

Acts 2:37-38

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Jude 3

³ Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

2 Thessalonians 2:15

¹⁵ So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word *of mouth* or by letter from us.

Final Reminders

1) Let's keep living out these goals.



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2) Let's keep the spirit of Christ.

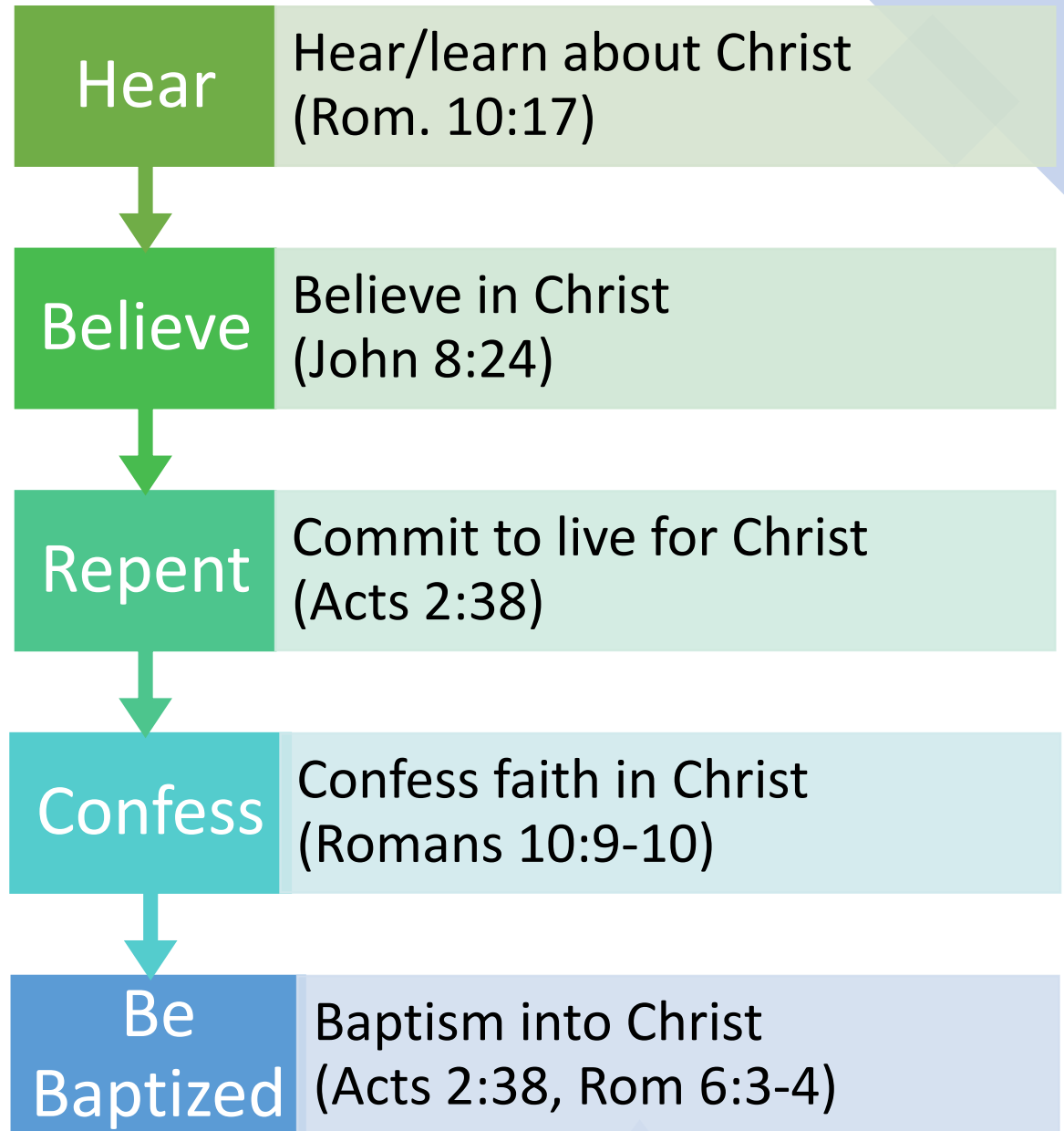


Final Reminders

3) Let's keep sharing this message.



What Must I Do To Be Saved?



James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.